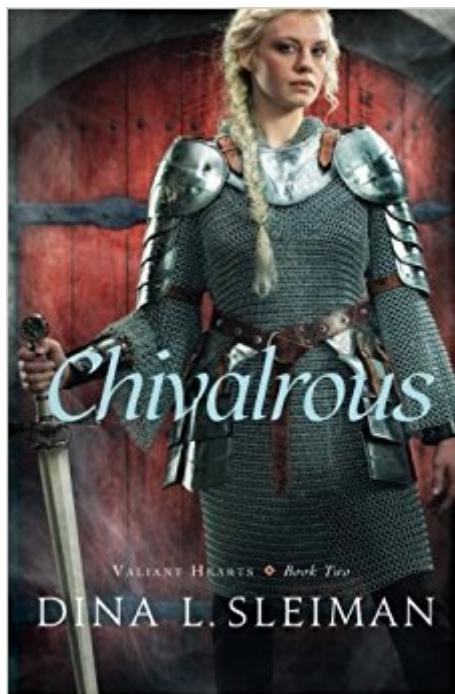


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# Chivalrous (Valiant Hearts)



## Synopsis

Sleiman's Valiant Hearts Series Offers Unforgettable HeroinesStrong and adventurous Gwendolyn Barnes longs to be a knight like her chivalrous brothers. However, that is not an option for her, not even in the Arthurian-inspired Eden where she dwells. Her parents view her only as a marriage pawn, and her domineering father is determined to see her wed to a brutish man who will break her spirit. When handsome, good-hearted Allen of Ellsworth arrives in Edendale searching for his place in the world, Gwendolyn spies in him the sort of fellow she could imagine marrying. Yet fate seems determined to keep them apart. Tournaments, intrigue, and battles--along with twists and turns aplenty--await these two as they struggle to find love, identity, and their true destinies.

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With Her Future In Jeopardy, This Unforgettable Heroine Won't Go DownWithout a Fight!Strong and adventurous Gwendolyn Barnes longs to be a knight like her chivalrous brothers, but her parents view her only as a marriage pawn. When her domineering father makes plans to see her wed to a brutish man, Gwendolyn must fight for her future. She's surprised, however, for that clash to include a handsome, good-hearted newcomer. Allen of Ellsworth arrives in Edendale searching for his place in the world, but he finds in Gwendolyn the most unexpected of women. Tournaments, intrigue, and battles--along with twists and turns aplenty--await these two as they struggle to find love, identity, and their true destinies."This marvelous story is reminiscent of Camelot tales with a captivating plot and enjoyable characters. Chivalrous is for readers who enjoy Melanie Dickerson and Rosemary

Groux."--CBA Retailers+ResourcesPraise for the Valiant Hearts series!"Sleiman launches an action-packed, historical series of adventure and romance."--Library Journal starred review of *Dauntless*

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Lady Gwendolyn Barnes defies popular opinion and hones her talents as a skilled North Britannia warrior, hoping to escape an unhappy life wed to a despicable knight of her own father's choosing. Under the guise of "Sir Geoffrey Lachapelle", she enters a local tournament and finds herself facing the handsome Sir Allen of Ellsworth, whose superb fighting abilities ultimately surpass her own, regardless of the fact that no one has ever heard of him. Interestingly enough, when Gwendolyn and Allen face each other without their armor, it becomes quite clear that sparring is the last thing on either of their minds. Newly knighted Allen of Ellsworth has travelled a great distance to the place where he feels that God has called him. Fleeing the vestiges of a failed romance, he never expected to be drawn to the lovely Lady Gwendolyn upon first sight. Unfortunately, tragedy soon occurs within Edendale and Allen's sense of pride, honor and integrity faces a much greater challenge than his feelings for Gwendolyn. Can he possibly let go of love in order to save an entire kingdom? Written against a backdrop of cruelty, rivalry and sinister intents; chivalry must rise to a new level in order for Allen, Gwendolyn to survive a treasonous interloper. A nicely written addition to Dina Sleiman's "Valiant Hearts" series, "Chivalrous" is infested with a multitude of twists and turns for two fiercely noble hearts to navigate.

Chivalrous, by Dina Sleiman, was lovely. It's all about Gwyn, a woman who wants to be herself but is stifled by her parents and her society, and Allen, a common man who is elevated to a position he never desired. Both are thrown into betrothals they don't want but try to make the best of the situation, even as they fall in love with one another. They struggle with their situation, misguided leaders, and social roles on top of the political turmoil of invaders and murder. And did I mention domestic abuse? Gwyn's father is a volatile ogre who believes women must completely submit. Themes of domestic abuse, social roles, misguided leaders, and abortion give

the sweet romance needed depth and twist the plot. I truly enjoyed Chivalrous and would recommend it to lovers of YA Historical Romance with a strong female protagonist.

It, of course, takes a woman to bring it back to the fore. Sure, Sleiman's heroes are dashing, her nobles brave and her Arthurian fluent, but what could be more glorious than a woman in armour? A love story so rife with intrigue, fraught with danger and tangled in emotion (plus Merry & the Ghosts of Farthingale Forest making an appearance that cannot be missed) that only the Lord's grace could set it back on course! I highly suggest reading with baited breath to find out if Allen finally gets the girl (and which one????) or whether Gwennie is finally delivered from her father's evil tyranny!

My 12 year old loves this book. She hasn't put it down since we bought it. I recommended the author to some friends as well.

Wow, what a book. Characters, story line, bringing back characters from book one, loved it all. Thank you so much.

I think this book was even better than the first book "Dauntless". The author's has a knack for writing stories set in medieval times and still make the story, setting, plot & details easily understood and totally understandable!

I could not put this book down. I love the idea of becoming a knight and this book is right up my alley. It is wonderfully written and encouraging. Definitely a book I will read again and again.

Truly a great book and series, can't wait to read the next book. I got swept away in the fight, and was right there fighting for the good, justice and the all knowing God.

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